



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2006 AKOAKOA HALE WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Karasaki, Clyde Morita, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Niko Koga, Felipe San Nicholas, Wendell Lum, Roy Yanagihara, Paul Friel, L.C. Morris, Larry Bill Sager.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Sabas, John Flanigan, Elizabeth Gaisthia, Glenn Ida, Larry Zdvoracek.

GUESTS: Tammy and Rico Rodriguez (HCDCH-Koolau Village), Lester Chang (Mayor's Office/Department of Parks and Recreation), Dianne English, Tom Perri, Sarah Fry (MCBH), Maya Leland, A. Desilva, and Brian Ross (Haiku Gardens Association), Ted Kanemori, Steve Cayetano (U.S. Congressman Ed Case's Office), Representative Pono Chong, Corlyn Orr (Helber Hastert & Lee), Jill Okuda, Captain George Kaopuiki (Honolulu Fire Department, Kaneohe Station), Scott Sunaoka (Hope Chapel, Kaneohe Bay), Jerry Jardin, Lt. R. Robinson (Honolulu Police Department, District 4-Kaneohe), Councilmember Barbara Marshall, Mr. Marshall, Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Subdistricts 1 and 11 – There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancies.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII (MCBH) – Sarah Fry gave the following report:

- June 23 - July 27, 2006, Biennial "Rim of the Pacific" (RIMPAC) 2006 Exercise – There are eight nations participating in this year's RIMPAC exercises. Since 1971, this exercise occurs every two years.
- July 15-23, Castle High School MCJROTC Leadership Academy.
- The Windward Civilian-Military Council met this past Tuesday.
- The 2nd Battalion 2/3 will be deploying to Afghanistan replacing the 3/3 Marines. Squadrons are also deploying.
- Noise complaints received this past two weeks were from the Kailua area, where helicopters were flying over the residential area. The airfield contacted the ship from which the helicopters were taking off informing them it is prohibited to fly over the residential area.

Questions, answers and comments:



- 1) Sager stated it is an annoying issue of plane exhaust facing towards the residential areas. He noted it used to be a serious problem when jets faced Kaneohe, and asked if they could face the ocean instead. Fry replied that the base has P-3 aircrafts and the Air Force, Marines, Navy, and planes with rotating soldiers use the airfield. Follow up will be done.
- 2) Resident Dianne English expressed concern relative to the Bayfest, which is a good event. However, the event ran for five consecutive nights until 1:00 a.m., which does not serve the community well. She understands that the military base runs differently from the civilian community. Concerts held in town have restrictions, but the concerts on base were allowed to run until 1:00 a.m. English was angry and frustrated and stressed she felt like the community had no rights, and did not know what to do. She recommended the community be taken into consideration and stated perimeters need to be considered. Fry asked for a copy of her complaints to incorporate it with the After Action Report for the Public Affairs Officer. Fry stated she is not alone, and that other complaints regarding the concerts were received.

Lum said on the last night he wanted to watch the fireworks display, but the schedule was off. Fry answered the decision was made not to have two different types of crowds in the same evening. Each night of the event drew different crowds.

Resident Kanemori said the last night of Bayfest the fireworks display did not start until 11:00 p.m. He stated the City law is that all fireworks use ends at 9:00 p.m.

Chair Yanagihara commented that this is the appropriate forum for constituents to come to the Board with their concerns. Regarding this past Bayfest celebration, it was unusual because July 4th fell on a Tuesday.

Fry relayed that she would like to re-establish the canoe regatta at the Bayfest celebration. The canoe regatta has not been held since 1996. She asked for public input and support.

APPROVAL of JUNE 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The following corrections/additions were made:

- Page 7, Announcements, West Nile Virus should read, "...Sager announced that the Department of Health (DOH) is asking anyone who finds a dead bird to pick it up with a Ziploc bag, seal the bag and then place the bag inside another plastic bag so that the final package is double sealed. Double sealed bird carcasses may be dropped off at the office of the Kaneohe District Park Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. and at the swimming pool office on Saturday afternoon 1-5 p.m.. The carcass must be refrigerated until it can be delivered. Sager mentioned the West Nile Virus is now occurring in the lower 48 states. DOH is not sure if the virus could be controlled once here in the islands. He noted the key to control would be early detection and immediate action to control insect population within the area where an infection is detected.

San Nicolas moved and seconded by Morris to accept the June 2006 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously, 10-0-0.

APPROVAL of MAY 2006 AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES: Deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Deferred.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT CONTINUED:

Honolulu Police Department – Lt. Robinson distributed the newly formatted monthly statistics and reported there are 194 approved positions (actual 164) in District 4. Five are on special assignment, 19 vacancies, and 5 others, totaling 29 vacancies.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Chair Yanagihara asked if a month-to-month crime summary and year-to year statistics could be provided to the Board. Lt. Robinson replied that the old statistics format focused on property crime. The requested statistics will be provided along with a map of the Kaneohe area of the district.
- 2) In response to San Nicolas, heroine is making a comeback on the mainland. Heroine users are usually mellow and just go to sleep. However, ice users stay up for four to five days and become violent.
- 3) Lum asked if 911 is the number to call for non-emergencies. Lt. Robinson answered all call are made to 911, computer tracked, and the dispatcher will asked the caller if they need police, fire, ambulance or non-emergency then connect you to the right dispatcher.
- 4) Chair Yanagihara stated it is disgraceful and disrespectful that dog owners are walking their dogs in Green Haven Cemetery. He asked if patrols could be stepped up between from 6:30~7:00 p.m. nightly. Lt. Robinson replied all call must go through 911.
- 5) In response to resident Rodriguez, the Narcotics/Vice Division provides monthly reports and could be apprised at the monthly meetings. Kaneohe area had arrests, but no raids. The reply the report indicates complaint calls, closed calls, but does not clarify the length of time a case was worked on prior to closing.

Lt. Robinson was thanked for attending the meeting.

Without objections, the agenda was taken out of order to Elected Officials' Reports, Representative Pono Chong.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Representative Pono Chong – Representative Chong reported the following:

- 1) The 2006 legislative session has ended.

- 2) \$24 million has been appropriated for school repairs in the Kaneohe/Kailua areas. Included are \$1 million for King Intermediate School – Phase 1 planning, Ben Parker Elementary School – renovation, etc.
- 3) Waikalua Road and Lilipuna Street sidewalks – more than \$700,000 in federal funds have been allocated to start working on these sidewalk issues. Money would also be first requested from the State Department of Transportation, and work with the City next.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) A public meeting will be held relative to the sidewalks for Waikalua and Lilipuna Streets.

Regarding the planning and construction funding for Waikalua Road, Representative Chong was not sure how many linear feet would be done. Lilipuna Street is more difficult and would be hard to determine at this time.

- 2) Potholes were reported on Kaneohe Bay Drive (State highway) fronting the Bay View Golf Course property.
- 3) Ho mentioned that on Kaneohe Bay Drive from Puuhala to the stream is nice, but is lacking sidewalks. He asked if there is an American Disabilities Act requirement. In response, the original scope of the project was strictly for budget.
- 4) Sager commented that the sidewalk issue project ended at the bridge.

Representative Pono Chong was thanked for attending the meeting.

The order of the agenda resumed.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT CONTINUED:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain G. Kaopuiki reported the following:

- 1) Statistics for the month of June included 1 structure, 3 brush, 1 rubbish, 3 vehicle fire responses; 75 medical, 5 search/rescue, 26 miscellaneous emergency responses.
- 2) Major incidents included: a) June 12, person pinned in auto at Kamehameha Highway; b) June 15, person pinned in auto at Kamehameha Highway between Kapaa Quarry Road and Castle Junction; c) June 17, person pinned in auto at H3 Freeway Halawa bound lane, 3 miles from tunnel. d) June 17, person pinned in auto at H3 Freeway bound lane, 3 miles from tunnel; e) June 20 brush fire at Maunawili Falls Trail, 3/4 mile from Maleko Street; e) June 23, structure fire at Kamehameha Highway; and f) brush fire at in the rear of Maleko Place.
- 3) Fire Safety Tip: Take the time to childproof your home, especially since keiki are on summer vacation. Check for potentially dangerous situation, i.e., electrical shock, accidental falls, or poisoning from medications, cleaning fluids, and houseplants. Keep matches and lighters in a safe place and out of the reach of small children.

Captain G. Kaopuiki was thanked for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Parked Cars along Haiku Road - Bryan Ross of the Haiku Gardens Association expressed concern about cars parking along the Haiku Road during the morning rush hour. Cars are also parked along the roadway close to the intersection making it difficult for cars to turn on to Kahekili Highway or existing the townhouses. Ross is seeking options on how to address the problem.

Chair Yanagihara asked Ross if he would like a City and County representative in attendance at the next Board meeting. The Chair recommended Ross fill out a Mayor's concern for and one for Councilmember Marshall for follow up.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Les Chang gave the following report:

- 1) Pointed out that green waste pickup is on the first and third Friday of each month. Starting in July the bulky item pickup for the Kaneohe area is scheduled for the first of each month. Chang said he would follow up with more information at the next meeting. The schedule was given several months earlier and he will try to answers to the pickup schedule confusion.
- 2) Bulky item white goods (old appliances) should contain no hazardous materials and could be put out three days prior to pickup. Also, no wood or construction debris will be picked up.
- 3) The Mayor's monthly "Honolulu News" was circulated for interested persons to review. Chang highlighted the following: a) The City's 100th year anniversary is winding down; b) the new Windward O'ahu driver licensing officer will be opening at the Koolau Center in Ahuimanu by the end of this year.
- 4) Mayor Hannemann has been appointed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to head its standing Committee on Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports. The Mayor was also elected to be on the Conference of Mayors Advisory Board.

Questions, answers, and comments:

Follow up will be done regarding the reinforcing of the guardrails on Lilipuna Bridge.

- 1) In response to the issue of overgrown trees blocking signage on Kamehameha Highway fronting the St. Marks Lutheran Church, although Kamehameha Highway is a State road, the City maintains the trees. Chang said they were not notified who installed the sign next to a whole row of palm (coconut) trees. Options are to move the sign, remove the six coconut trees, or do nothing at all. The sign is not visible from a long distance, but is visible, as one gets closer to the area of where the sign is.
- 2) A concern was raised regarding rubbish pick up that there are five numbers listed. A call to the Kapaa Quarry sent him to the City's information number who finally

connected him to Suzanne Jones, of the Environmental Department. Jones informed him that blue containers for green waste for the Kaneohe area are picked up the first and third Monday's monthly. She mentioned some growing pains with the project, but will have the department contact residents with the correct days of pickup.

- 3) Tammy Rodriguez questioned why Koolau Villages are not permitted to have bulky item pickups. Her request to that department was denied. Follow up will be done.
- 4) Regarding the Hi- Capacity Transit Corridor Project, relative to parking, Lum suggested space be made available for commuters from Kaneohe, Kailua, and Koolaupoko on Middle Street. He stated that parking is an issue, and a sizable structure would be needed and requested additional information than what is provided at the meetings. The response was the project is still early in the planning, but his suggestion would be forwarded to Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project group.
- 5) Lum asked why a damaged guardrail on Lilipuna Street (near Coconut Island boat ramp) is not on the Capital Improvement Project list as answered at a previous meeting a year ago.
- 6) Lum asked for clarification to the CIP list reported at last month's meeting questioning the fourth item, Kamehameha Highway Bridge over Heeia Stream Rehabilitation, \$360,000. Lum thought it should be used on another bridge.
- 7) San Nicolas reported an intense sewage odor on Kahekili Highway and Kealahala Street, intersection down the road from Koolau Villages coming possible from a manhole.
- 8) A resident commented allowable bulky items are confusing. He added it takes approximately two to three days for all bulky items to be picked up. Home improvements items, as well as one cubic yard branches, tied together will also get picked up.

Lester Chang was thanked for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Councilmember Marshall reported the following:

- 1) The monthly written report was distributed for interested persons to review.
- 2) Call her office at 547-7003 with any concerns regarding green waste recycling or log on to www.opala.org for more information.
- 3) Bill 55, relating to rezone land situated at Heeia-Kaneohe-Maunawili, O'ahu, Hawaii (Amending portion of zoning map No. 22) Ordinance No. 86-123. Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate is requesting a zone change in Haiku. Everyone was encouraged to submit testimony for the Zoning Committee hearing scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.
- 4) Residents of City Council District 3 are cordially invited to 3 TALK face to face with Councilmember Marshall and her staff to discuss concerns and issues. A scheduled of

the meetings was circulated, and the next meeting for the Kaneohe will be in September.

Questions, answers and comments:

Lum commented the Kamehameha School pre-school structure was built before the public was notified. Councilmember Marshall replied Kamehameha Schools is seeking a zone change from preservation to residential. Lum asked why Kamehameha Schools is not using the nearby parking lot that they own. In response, according to Kamehameha Schools the selected site is most cost effective. A request was made to reopen Haiku Road. The Councilmember asked for community to submit input to her office as to what the community would like for the area.

U.S. Congressman Ed Case – Steve Cayetano reported that Congressman Case arrived in Hawaii tonight for Talk Story meeting on the Big Island. The Congressman's newsletter was circulated for interested persons to review.

Questions, answers and comments:

Relative to the Kailani Subdivision's by pass channel, Cayetano responded to Lum that there are two separate studies being conducted (State and City). Lum asked if the Congressman could get funding if needed for the projects.

Steve Cayetano was thanked for attending the meeting.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hawaii Pacific University – No representative was present.

Hope Chapel – Scott Sunaoka gave the following report:

- 1) Hope Chapel has partnered with other churches collecting school supplies for needy children. This has occurred twice, and supplies are distributed door to door by church members.
- 2) The organization of food drives for the community is in the planning.
- 3) The church will also do three weeks of a "School Supply Drive". The church has a website with a wish list of what the schools needs are directly. There are ten schools on the wish list from the Kaneohe and Kahalu'u areas. The church plans to make this an annual event.

Scott Sunaoka was thanked for attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Defend O'ahu Coalition – No representative was present.

Heeia Kea Restoration Project (Environmental Assessment) – Corlyn Orr reported the following: Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate, owners of the Heeia Fishpond, is seeking an

An Environment Assessment for a caretaker's cottage, and to rebuild the eighty-eight acre farm wall, which is approximately one mile long and encircles the entire fishpond. The area is used for cultural resources and is on the National Historical Registry as Paepae O Hawai'i. Once complete the plan is to return its use to cultural practices.

The south portion of the property would access from Ipuka Street near Ali'i Landing subdivision and the Ali'i Bluffs. The existing facility consists of a Quonset hut, which is currently used for storage, due it being uninhabitable. It is proposed to demolish the Quonset hut and replace it with a two-story caretaker's facility attached to aquaculture. The utility system needs improvements, the cesspool closed, and a new system built and installed under the City's sewer system, and on-site security is needed. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being done and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) may be necessary. The fishpond is in the State's conservation district (P-1) and comes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Questions, answers and comments:

- 1) Friel asked what is the timeframe for the project. Orr replied the project would proceed when the permits are issued. There is a 30-day process for the Environmental Assessment (EA). They are hoping the EA is completed in December followed by the Conditional Use Permit.
- 2) In response to Lum relative to the sewer system, work is being done with the engineer for a lift station. There is a 30% slope that the sewage must be pushed up to reach the City's sewer line.
- 3) In answer to Morita there will be no changes to the aquaculture program or use of the site.
- 4) For more information contact Corlynn Orr at 545-2055.

Corlyn Orr was thanked for attending the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee – San Nicolas reported he is working with Civil Defense to do another Board presentation at a future meeting.

Felipe San Nicolas was thanked for his report.

Environmental Committee – Chair Sager reported he attended the Kaneohe Bay Regional Advisory Council meeting on July 5, 2006. There were approximately thirty people in attendance. Concerns were raised regarding the Ahu O Laka bill and opposition to the new or additional regulations at the sandbar. He noted, Peter Young, Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), reported the legislature passed a bill, which would create a monument. However, according to the Attorney General, DLNR has the right to control large gatherings at the sandbar. Opinions expressed at the meeting of users of the sandbar are that they would like the area clean and safe. The Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) reaffirmed from a previous meeting there was a unanimous vote in opposition to the

Ahu O Laka Monument. Governor Lingle did veto the bill. The Council did asked DLNR to provide a list of applicable regulations for a safe and clean environment for sandbar users.

Sager relayed hearings are being held by DLNR relative to regulations to control gill nets used in the state as it applies to Kaneohe Bay, would eliminate shore, champion channels and landward toward Ahu O Laka use. Sager explained DLNR has a regulations on its website and suggested Board support.

Sager moved that the Board submit a resolution in support of the regulations listed on the DLNR website. Being that there was no second, the motion was withdrawn.

Chair Yanagihara ask if there is a timeline on the matter. Sager replied he thinks 30 days. Chair added fairly, there is possibly 30 to 60 days. The issue will be reconsidered for the September Board meeting.

Discussion: Sager commented he is just making everyone aware of the current issue. Morita mentioned he has no problem with seconding the motion, but due to the Sunshine Law he would support the motion at the September meeting; Sager agreed. Chair Yanagihara disagreed and stated in his opinion Board members can raise a motion at anytime.

Bill Sager was thanked for his report.

OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee – Chair Lum reported that Koolaupoko Master Plan approved the Capital Improvement Project list. Kamehameha Highway widening is scheduled for 2008-2011. There will be one lane in each direction from Kahuhipa to Pali Highway for congestion relief.

He added he would be suggesting a parking garage on Dillingham Boulevard with federal funding for public structures. Deadline for input is August.

Wendell Lum was thanked for his report.

Haiku Stairs Special Task Force – Chair Morris reported he took a tour of the Haiku Stairs and will give future reports to the Board.

L.C. Morris was thanked for his report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- The next Regular Meeting will take place at the Windward Community College, Akoakoa Room on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.